

Latest Medicare Coverage Database Website Updates

Effective June 27, 2013

The following is a compiled list of all recent updates made to the Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) website as of June 27, 2013. Please refer to the content of this document before making any inquiries via the Submit Feedback tool.

The MCD updates have been divided into five sections in this document (click to navigate to the selected section):

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1 Important Messages to Users

1.1 Update: Related Documents Field on LCD and Article Details Pages

Links to related documents remain on the CMS MCD until the related document moves to the CMS MCD Archive Website. At that time, the link is replaced with either an "N/A" or "This field has no related links."

Recently, the retention schedule for all documents was changed so that retired and superseded documents display on the CMS MCD for a shorter period of time.

The next major MCD release, scheduled for September 2013, will include an update to the field functionality so that links for documents that have moved to the [MCD Archive Website](#) continue to display in the Related Documents field.

Please keep in mind that all documents are currently accessible. Any documents not found on the CMS MCD may exist on the CMS MCD Archive Website. The [MCD Overview Page](#) also includes the retention schedule for all MCD documents.

1.2 Document Update Schedule for Local Coverage Documents

Local Coverage Documents (LCDs and Articles) move from the CMS Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) to the MCD Archive in real-time, according to the following schedule:

- Proposed/Draft LCDs move to the MCD Archive 90 days after being released to the final LCD.
- Retired LCDs and Articles move to the MCD Archive 90 days after their retirement dates.
- Superseded versions of active LCDs and Articles move to the MCD Archive after 1 year.
- All LMRPs reside on the MCD Archive.

Please visit the [MCD Archive Site](#) to view archived documents.

2 Global MCD Updates

The following updates have been made throughout the CMS Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) Website:

- 1) Updated logic in the Contractor select lists (like the one found on the Advanced Search page) so that contractors with no documents on the MCD will be removed from the list automatically.
- 2) Added a Status column to the Basket page that will display for any LCDs added to the Basket.
- 3) Removed the “Key Article” designation.
 - a) This includes the Key Article filters on the Advanced Search and Article Indexes.
 - b) This includes the Key icon found on Article results tables.
 - c) All references to "Key Articles" are removed from the MCD with the following exception: Article details pages with a Last Updated Date BEFORE the 06/20/2013 Date Fence should retain the Key Article field in the Article Information Section
- 4) Removed the “FAQ Article” designation
 - a) This includes the filters on the Advanced Search and Article Indexes.
 - b) All references to "FAQ Articles" are removed from the MCD with the following exception: Article details pages with a Last Updated Date BEFORE the 06/20/2013 Date Fence should continue to display “FAQ” in the Article Type field
- 5) Renamed All Versions field to “Public Versions” on LCD Details pages.
- 6) Added the following note to all Local Coverage Index pages:
 - a) Please Note: This Index does not display superseded document versions. If you are looking for older/superseded document versions, then you can use the Date Criteria on the Advanced Search.
- 7) Updated the Advanced Search options for Articles to the following:
 - a) Self-Administered Drug Exclusion (SAD) Articles
 - b) All Other Articles
- 8) Removed the [Need a PDF?] button from the Proposed/Draft Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) Status Report and the Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) Last Updated Report
- 9) Removed the [Select All Records] button from all results tables

3 “One LCD Rule”

The “One LCD Rule” is a new look and feel for certain results tables throughout the MCD. See below for the full list of affected pages.

Before this release, when a single LCD Article ID was associated to multiple contract numbers, it would result in a different row for each contract number on the results table. This meant that an LCD with ten contract numbers would display in ten different rows on the results pages listed below.

The goal of the “One LCD Rule” is to implement a solution that will display each LCD and Article ID only once on results tables so that users will not have to see several different iterations of the same document every time they search for it. This was achieved by introducing the Expand and Collapse functionality to the results tables. Now, all rows with the same Document ID are collapsed into a single row when the user first navigates to this table. The collapsed row can then be expanded by clicking the orange [+] button in the left table column. Expanding this row will reveal all contractor-specific information associated to the Document ID.

The new “One LCD Rule” functionality has been applied to the following pages:

- 1) Search by Type results tables for LCDs
 - a) This can be reached by using the Advanced Search or the Search by Type criteria in the Quick Search
- 2) Search by Type results tables for Articles
 - a) This can be reached by using the Advanced Search or the Search by Type criteria in the Quick Search
- 3) LCD Alphabetical Index
- 4) Article Alphabetical Index
- 5) Local Coverage What’s New Report
- 6) LCD Last Updated Report
- 7) Proposed/Draft LCD Status Report

4 Article and SAD Article Details Page Updates

Please Note: The updates listed below will apply to all Local Coverage Articles with a **Last Updated Date on or after 06/20/2013**.

4.1 Updates to Article Details Page

The following updates have been made to the Article Details page:

- 1) All fields will display on the Article Details page, regardless of whether the field has any data. If there is no data in a particular field, then the field displays “N/A.”
- 2) Added a line break in the orange page header to make the Article easier to read.
- 3) Renamed the following fields from:
 - a) Contractor Number to “Contract Number”
 - b) Contractor Type to “Contract Type”
 - c) Article ID Number to “Article ID”
 - d) Primary Geographic Jurisdiction to “Jurisdiction”
 - e) Original Article Effective Date to “Original Effective Date”
 - f) Article Revision Effective Date to “Revision Effective Date”
 - g) Article Ending Effective Date to “Retirement Date”
 - h) Article Text header to “Article Guidance”
 - i) “Article Text” has been added as a bolded field label in the Article Guidance section
 - i) ICD-9 Codes that are Covered to “Covered ICD-9 Codes”
 - j) ICD-9 Codes that are Not Covered to “Non-Covered ICD-9 Codes”
 - k) Related Documents to “Related Local Coverage Documents”
 - l) All Versions to “Public Versions”
- 4) Removed the following fields:
 - a) Article Type field removed from all non-SAD Articles
 - b) Secondary Jurisdiction
 - c) DME Region
 - d) Other Information section
 - e) Other Comments
 - f) All Versions section
- 5) Added the “Group X Paragraph” (with X being the code group number) field label so that users can easily differentiate between the descriptions of various code groups. This update applies to the following codes:
 - a) CPT/HCPCS Codes
 - b) Covered ICD-9 Codes
 - c) Non-Covered ICD-9 Codes

- 6) Added the “Group X Codes” (with X being the code group number) field label so that users can easily differentiate between the various code groups. This update applies to the following codes:
 - a) CPT/HCPCS Codes
 - b) Covered ICD-9 Codes
 - c) Non-Covered ICD-9 Codes
- 7) Added a new section called “Revision History Information.” This section combines the Revision History Date, Revision History Number, and Revision History Explanation fields to all display in a table format.
 - a) Please note: The Revision History information included in this Article prior to 06/20/2013 will now display with a Revision History Number of "R1" at the bottom of this table. All new Revision History information entries completed on or after 06/20/2013 will display as a row in the Revision History section of the Article and numbering will begin with "R2".
 - b) Cells within the new Revision History table will display “N/A” if there is no data.
- 8) Added a new section called “Associated Documents.” This new section will contain the following fields:
 - a) Related Local Coverage Documents
 - b) Related National Coverage Documents
 - c) Statutory Requirements URL(s)
 - d) Rules and Regulations URL(s)
 - e) CMS Manual Explanation URL(s)
 - f) Other URL(s)
 - g) Public Versions
- 9) Added a new section called “Keywords.”
 - a) Contractors may enter keywords and key phrases for their LCDs that will display as a bulleted list in the new Keywords section
 - b) Content of the new Keywords section will be indexed; and, therefore searchable via the “keyword(s)” criteria on the Advanced Search.

4.2 Updates to SAD Article Details Page

The following updates have been made to the Self-Administered Drug (SAD) Article Details page:

- 1) All fields will display on the SAD Article Details page, regardless of whether the field has any data. If there is no data in a particular field, then the field displays “N/A.”
- 2) Added a line break in the orange page header to make the Article easier to read.
- 3) Renamed the following fields from:
 - a) Contractor Number to “Contract Number”
 - b) Contractor Type to “Contract Type”
 - c) Article ID Number to “Article ID”
 - d) Primary Geographic Jurisdiction to “Jurisdiction”
 - e) Original Article Effective Date to “Original Effective Date”

- f) Article Revision Effective Date to “Revision Effective Date”
 - g) Article Ending Effective Date to “Retirement Date”
 - h) Article Text header to “Article Guidance”
 - i) “Article Text” has been added as a bolded field label in the Article Guidance section
 - i) Related Documents to “Related Local Coverage Documents”
 - j) All Versions to “Public Versions”
- 4) Removed the following fields:
- a) Secondary Jurisdiction
 - b) DME Region
 - c) Other Information section
 - d) Other Comments
 - e) All Versions section
- 5) Added the “Group X Paragraph” (with X being the code group number) field label so that users can easily differentiate between the descriptions of various code groups. This update applies to the following codes:
- a) CPT/HCPCS Codes
 - b) Covered ICD-9 Codes
 - c) Non-Covered ICD-9 Codes
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 - b) Cells within the new Revision History table will display “N/A” if there is no data.
- 8) Added a new section called “Associated Documents.” This new section will contain the following fields:
- a) SAD Process URL 1
 - b) SAD Process URL 2
 - c) Related Local Coverage Documents
 - d) Related National Coverage Documents
 - e) Statutory Requirements URL(s)
 - f) Rules and Regulations URL(s)
 - g) CMS Manual Explanation URL(s)
 - h) Public Versions

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5 National Document Updates

The following updates have been made to National Documents on the Medicare Coverage Database:

- 1) Added a new section for Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC) Meeting documents called “Associated TA.”
- 2) Added a new section for Technology Assessment documents called “Associated MEDCAC.”
- 3) Moved Documents section above the Contacts section on all NCA and CAL Details pages.
- 4) Added the date of the Proposed Decision Memo and Decision Memo (when applicable) next to the respective document link on NCA and CAL Details pages.
- 5) Resolved several printing issues for National Coverage Determinations in Internet Explorer.